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Chief Executive Officer

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICE REQUEST TO APPOINT MR. RYAN J. ALSOP TO THE POSITION OF THE DIRECTOR OF INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS AND EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (ASSISTANT, CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER, UC)

Consistent with the Board-approved policy on management appointments, this office requests approval to appoint Ryan J. Alsop to the position of the Director of Intergovernmental Relations and External Affairs at an annual salary of \$185,000. The present incumbent for this position makes \$197,780. Mr. Alsop's salary is justified based on his extensive experience, technical expertise, and the level of responsibility he will be assuming.

Mr. Alsop will report to the Chief Executive Officer and will be responsible for overseeing and managing the Office of Intergovernmental Relations and External Affairs of the Chief Executive Office. The intergovernmental relations program is the focal point of coordination of State and Federal legislative policy and strategy for the County. His responsibilities will include producing analyses of legislative bills, proposals and initiatives based on County policies and priorities; producing analyses of State and Federal budget proposals to determine the impact on County programs, services and resources; representing the County and directing the advocacy efforts on County positions and interests in the California State Legislature, the U.S. Congress, the U.S. Senate and the California State and Federal Administrations; maintaining relationships with the Los Angeles County State and Federal Legislative Delegation and key representatives of the State and Federal Administrations, keeping them advised of

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County positions, issues and interests; and maintaining policy guidelines for legislative analysis and advocacy of County positions at the State and Federal level, as well as, providing training to departments and commissions on policy guidelines, legislative and budget processes and preparation of legislative analyses. In addition, Mr. Alsop will provide management oversight to the Washington D.C. and Sacramento Legislative Offices, Cable and Telecommunications Office, Public Affairs Office and the Office of Protocol.

Mr. Alsop has over 15 years experience in the public and private sector working with local, State and Federal government entities in the legislative and intergovernmental relations field. He has extensive administrative and managerial experience in governmental operations. He has demonstrated that he has the ability to provide the leadership towards meeting strategic plan goals of focusing on the needs of County customers.

He currently holds the position of Director of Government and Public Affairs for the Long Beach Water Department. In this capacity he oversees legislative, regulatory and general governmental activities before the Executive and Legislative branches of the State and Federal government and is the principal liaison to all industry related non-governmental and public interest organizations at the local, State and Federal level. He has demonstrated his skills in the political arena in his employment as Director of External Affairs in the Office of Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger, Vice President for the E. Del Smith and Company, Legislative Assistant for Representative Stephen Horn, and Vice President of Government and Public Affairs for the Long Beach Area Chamber of Commerce.

In accordance with the policy on managerial salaries, unless we are informed otherwise by June 9, 2009, we will proceed with this appointment.

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